

The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 672.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Sarah Flowers

Complainant

vs.

Rena Flowers,

Defendant

This cause, coming on to be heard at this Term, was submitted upon the Bill of Complaint, decree pro confesso and the testimony as noted by the Register; and, upon consideration thereof, the Court is of opinion that the Complainant is entitled to the relief prayed for in said bill.

IT IS, THEREFORE, Ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court, that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the Complainant and Defendant be, and the same are hereby dissolved, and the Complainant is forever divorced from the Defendant.

on account of adultery committed by the defendant Rena Flowers,

It is further ordered, that the said Sarah Flowers,

be, and she is hereby permitted to again contract marriage, upon the payment of the costs of Court in this cause.

It is further ordered, that the said Sarah Flowers, pay the costs herein taxed, for which execution may issue, and if such execution is returned "no property found," then execution for such costs may issue against the said Rena Flowers

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that said Sarah Flowers, shall not again marry except to said Rena Flowers, until sixty days after this date, and that if an appeal is taken within sixty days she shall not marry again except to said Rena Flowers, during the pendency of said appeal

This 8th day of August 1927

John D. Leigh
Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

I, _____ Register of said Circuit Court of said County, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above is a full, true and correct copy of the decree rendered by said Court on

the _____ day of _____ 192____, in the cause of _____ Complainant

vs.

_____ Defendant
as appears of record in said Court.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this the _____ day of _____ 192____

Register.

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No. 672

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY,
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALA.

Sarah Flowers,

vs.

Rena Flowers,

DECREE OF DIVORCE.

Filed in office this *8th*

day of *August*, 192*7*

J. W. Peterson
Register.

E. O. M.

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Chas. H. ...

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ALABAMA ...

OFFICE OF THE ...

SARAH FLOWERS,
Complainant,

-vs-

RENA FLOWERS,
Respondent.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE.
STATE OF ALABAMA.
BALDWIN COUNTY.

TO THE HON. THE CIRCUIT COURT-EQUITY SIDE, STATE OF ALABAMA, BALDWIN COUNTY AND THE HON. JOHN D. LEIGH, JUDGE THEREOF, SITTING INEQUITY:-

Comes your complainant, Sarah Flowers and exhibits this her Bill of Complaint for divorce against the respondent Rena Flowers and shows:-

(1). That both your complainant and the respondent are over the age of 21 years, are bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama where they have resided for more than ~~two~~ ^{two} years next immediately preceding the filing of this bill of complaint.

(2). That your complainant and the respondent were married about 18 years ago and lived to-gether as husband and wife until about two months ago, when, on accounts of the matters hereinafter complained of, your complainant was compelled to live separate and apart from the respondent.

(3). That the respondent, about two months ago, committed adultery with one Essie Faulk; that the acts of adultery were committed in Baldwin County, Alabama; that said adulterous relations between the respondent and the said Essie Faulk were without the knowledge, agency, connivance or consent of your complainant and she has never condoned the same.

(4). There were born to your complainant and the said respondent by said marriage six children, viz: Leonard, a son, 16 years of age, Lecy, a daughter, 13 years of age, Myrtle, a daughter 9 years of age, Samuel, a son, 7 years of age, Jack, a son, 4 years of age and Ruby, a daughter, 2 years of age.; that all of said children reside with and are in the custody and under the control of your complainant who is a fit and proper person to have the

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custody and control of them; that the said respondent is not a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of said children.

PRAYER FOR PROCESS AND RELIEF:

THE PREMISES CONSIDERED, your complainant prays that all necessary notices, orders and decrees be made, entered and issued necessary to make the said Rena Flowers party defendant hereto requiring him to appear and plead, answer or demur within the time and under the pains and penalties prescribed by law and the rules of this court; that upon a final hearing of this cause that your Honor will render, adjudge and decree that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between your complainant and the defendant be forever dissolved; that your complainant be again permitted to contract the marriage relation should she so desire; that your honor will further render, adjudge and decree that your complainant is a fit and proper person to have the care, custody and control of such children and that the same be awarded to her. And, as in duty bound, she will ever pray, etc.

NORBORNE STONE,
Solicitor for Complainant.

FOOT NOTE:-

The respondent, Rena Flowers, is required to answer each and every paragraph of the foregoing complaint from 1 to 4, both inclusive, but not under oath as oath is hereby expressly waived

NORBORNE STONE,
Solicitor for Complainant.

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Sarah Flowers
vs

Benjamin Flowers

Divorce

Filed June 4/1927
T. W. Peckham

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The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama
(In Equity.)

Sarah Flowers

Complainant.

VS.

Rena Flowers,

Respondent.

I, T.W. Richerson,

as Register and Commissioner

have called and caused to come before me Sarah Flowers and Edward Faulk,

witness^{es} named in the Requirement for Oral Examination, on the 25th day of July,
1927, at the office of Register,

in Bay Minette, Alabama, and having first sworn said witness^{es} to speak the
truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the said Witnesses,

doth depose and say as follows:

SARAH FLOWERS, the complainant and a witness for complainant, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:-

My name is Sarah Flowers and I am the complainant in that certain cause now pending in the Circuit Court Equity Side, of Baldwin County, Alabama, wherein my husband Rena Flowers is the respondent. Both I and the respondent were on June 4th., 1927 over the age of 21 years and were bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, where we had resides for more than three years next immediately preceding said date; that I and the respondent were married about 18 years ago and we lived to-gether as man and wife until about two months before I filed this suit for divorce. On account of my husband living in adultery I was compelled to leave him about two months before I filed my suit for divorce and we have never lived to-gether as man and wife since that time. For several months before I filed my bill for divorce my husband was continually with Essie Faulk. On several occasions he would spend the night down at her home and while her husband was away. On several occasions I noticed my husband under very compromising circumstances with this Essie Faulk. I have seen him at night go out with her and just the two of them along. Essie Faulk is married, being the wife of my brother.

I was present in the Mayor's Court of the Town of Bay Minette about two months before I filed my suit for divorce when they tried the respondent Rena Flowers in the court for living in adultery with Essie Faulk. The witnesses who testified against him gave their testimony before him in open court and he made no denial. He was convicted at this trial for living in adultery. Since said date I have not lived with him as his wife. The living in adultery between the respondent and the said Essie Faulk were without my knowledge, agency, connivance or consent and I have never forgiven the same.

There were born to me and the respondent by our marriage six children: Leonard, Lacy, Myrtle, Samuel, Jack and Ruby; that all of said children were living with me and were in my custody and under my control at the time I filed my bill for divorce but recently I have let the respondent have all of them except Ruby and he came and took Ruby without my consent and they are all with him at this time.

Sarah Flowers

EDWARD FAULK, a witness for complainant, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:-

My name is Edward Faulk and I am over 21 years old and live at Bay Minette, Alabama. I am the brother of Sarah Flowers the complainant in this case and I am the husband of Essie Faulk, the co-respondent in this case. On June 4th., 1927, Sarah Flowers and her husband, Rena Flowers were both over 21 years and bona fide residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, where they had resided for more than three years next immediately preceding said date; that

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they were married about 18 years ago and lived to-gether as husband and wife until about two months prior to said date. About two months prior to June 2nd., 1927 the said Rena Flowers and Essie Faulk, my wife, committed acts of adultery on numerous occasions when I had seen them under suspicious circumstances. I had found them at my house at all times of the day and night and I had seen them to-gether at different places. On this date about two months prior to June 2nd., 1927, I found Rena Flowers and Essie Faulk in the act of sexual intercourse at my home in Bay Minette. This was about 12 o'clock at night. I went and got the officers and they were both arrested.. The next morning they were both tried and convicted in the Mayor's Court of Bay Minette, Alabama. All of these illicit acts between Rena Flowers and Essie Faulk were committed in Baldwin County, Alabama. I have not lived with my wife since that time.

Edward Faulk

ORAL EXAMINATION.

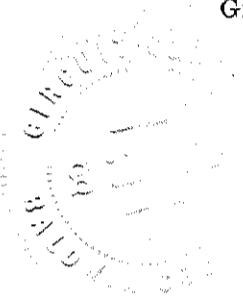
I, T.W. Richerson, as Register and Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing deposition on Oral Examination was taken down in writing by me in the words of the witness es and read over to them and they signed the same in the presense of myself Hon. E.C. Stone, Atty for Complainant.

at the time and place herein mentioned; that I have personal knowledge of personal identity of said witness es or had proof made before me of the identity of said witness es; that I am not of counsel or of kin to any of the parties to said cause, or any manner interested in the result thereof

I enclose the said Oral Examination in an envelope to the Register of said Court.

Given under my hand and seal, this 25th day of July, 192 7.

T.W. Richerson (L. S.)



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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Sarah Flowers

vs. Complainant

Rena Flowers,

Respondent.

Oral Deposition

Filled July 25th, 192 7

T.W. Richerson, Register.

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T.W. Richerson, Register

The State of Alabama,
Baldwin County.

Circuit Court of Baldwin County, In Equity.

To any Sheriff of the State of Alabama—GREETING:


WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon Rena Flowers,

of Baldwin County, to be and appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, exercising Chancery jurisdiction, within thirty days after the service of Summons, and there to answer, plead or demur, without oath, to a Bill of Complaint lately exhibited by Sarah Flowers,

against said Rena Flowers,

and further to do and perform what said Judge shall order and direct in that behalf. And this the said Defendant shall in no wise omit, under penalty, etc. And we further command that you return this writ with your endorsement thereon, to our said Court immediately upon the execution thereof.

WITNESS, T. W. Richerson, Register of said Circuit Court, this 4th day of June, 1927.

 Register.

N. B.—Any party defendant is entitled to a copy of the bill upon application to the Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

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Circuit Court of Baldwin County
In Equity.

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SUMMONS

Sarah Flowers,

Received in office this 4th
day of June 1927

Sheriff.

Executed this 11th day of

June 1927
by leaving a copy of the within Summons with

Rena Flowers

Defendant.

vs.

Rena Flowers,

Lo Sruins

Sheriff.

By B. D. Riggins
Deputy Sheriff.

Norborne Stone.

Solicitor for Complainant

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8550 REQUEST FOR DECREE IN VACATION.

MOORE PTG CO.

STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

No. 672 Vacation Term, 1927

Sarah Flowers, Complainant...

vs.

Rena Flowers, Defendant...

To T.W. Richerson, Register:

In the above stated cause a Decree Pro Confesso having been taken against the Defendant, and evidence having been taken, and the cause being ready for submission for final decree, and no defense having been interposed, the Complainant, by W.C. Stone, Atty for Complainant,

..... Solicitors of record, now files with the Register of this Court this written request to deliver the papers in this cause to the Judge for final decree in vacation.

..... W.C. Stone,
Solicitor for Complainant.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Sarah Flowers,

vs.

Rena Flowers,

REQUEST FOR DECREE IN
VACATION

FILED July 25th 1927

D. W. Williams

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Sarah Flowers,

vs.

Rena Flowers,

THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

This cause is submitted in behalf of Complainant upon the original Bill of Complaint,
decree pro confesso and testimony of Sarah Flowers and Edward Faulk,

and in behalf of Defendant upon

D. W. [Signature]
Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
BALDWIN COUNTY

IN EQUITY,
CIRCUIT COURT OF BALDWIN COUNTY.

Sarah Flowers,

vs

Rena Flowers,

NOTE OF TESTIMONY

Filed in Open Court this 25th,

day of July, 1927.

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The State of Alabama, }
Baldwin County.

No. 672.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY

Sarah Flowers,

Complainant.

vs.

Rena Flowers,

Defendant.

In this cause it appears to the

Register,

that a Summons requiring the Defendant

Rena Flowers,

to appear and demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause within thirty days after the service of said

Summons upon Rena Flowers,

was served upon him by the Sheriff of Baldwin County, Alabama, on the

11th day of June 1927.

And the said Defendant..... having failed to demur, plead to or answer the said Bill of Complaint to this date,

it is now, therefore, on motion of Hon. W. C. Stone,

ordered and decreed that the said Bill of Complaint in this cause be and it hereby is in all things taken as confessed

against the said Rena Flowers,

Defendant... aforesaid.

This 25th day of June 1927

D. W. Peterson

Register.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
BALDWIN COUNTY.

CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Sarah Flowers

Vs.

Rena Flowers,

DECREE PRO CONFESSO ON
PERSONAL SERVICE.

Issued 18th July 1927

D. W. Rice

Register.

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The State of Alabama, }
BALDWIN COUNTY.

No. 672 CIRCUIT COURT IN EQUITY.

Sarah Flowers, Complainant.....

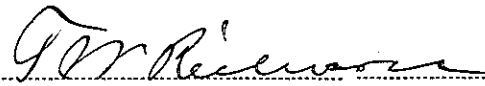
vs.

Rena Flowers, Defendant.....

~~Motion is hereby made for a Decree Pro Confesso against Rena Flowers~~
..... Defendant.....

in the above stated cause, on the ground that more than thirty days have elapsed since service of summons upon said Defendant.....; and that said summons was duly served according to law, and that said Defendant.....ha.S..... failed to demur, plead to or answer the Bill of Complaint in this cause to this date.

This 18th day of July 1927.



Solicitor.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
Baldwin County.

CIRCUIT COURT, IN EQUITY.

Sarah Flowers,

Vs.

Hena Flowers,

MOTION FOR DECREE PRO
CONFESSO ON PERSONAL SERVICE

Filed July 28th 1927.

J. W. [Signature]
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